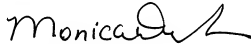


III. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions for an extension of time of one month to and including August 20, 2006, in which to respond to the Office Action dated April 20, 2005. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/CHP:004US, and any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 that may be due.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 536-5639 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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